

because it is irrevocable, it's permanent. Once it's done it's done and we want to know as much as we can about what to expect. We want to be able to predict what is going to happen as much as possible. And what the tribe has been willing to do in an expression of good faith to those of us in the Legislature and outside the Legislature, that are concerned about this issue, is make a promise. They have indicated to us what their plans are with respect to gaming activities on the Nebraska side, it's contained in their resolution, and the operative language is put in the Legislature's resolution. And I think it improves the retrocession resolution considerably to have those things spelled out so we'll understand what we're doing, so the tribe will understand the commitments that it has made, and so Nebraskans generally will understand what kind of a provision this retrocession resolution has with respect to gaming activities. Now, if your attitude towards this issue, towards the resolution is simply to trash and burn, simply to vote against it and destroy it and denigrate it at every turn, then you will want to support this. But if your attitude towards the resolution is to make the resolution as good as it can be, to incorporate the best public policy we can incorporate here, whether you're ultimately in favor of retrocession or against retrocession, but to put out a good product in the event it passes, then you should vote against this amendment because this is a trash and burn amendment. It's not an amendment that is going to enhance the resolution if it's adopted. Indeed, it's going to add to the uncertainty of the situation if these WHEREAS paragraphs are taken out and that in this particular difficult issue is the last thing we want to do, add any more uncertainty, because there is already a great deal of uncertainty that all of us have been grappling with on this issue for several months. So I would urge you not to support this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL PRESIDING

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Hoagland. Next to speak is Senator Chambers and after that Senator Hefner.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Goll if he would yield to a question, maybe two.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Goll.